

USFS – Tahoe National Forest

Comments submitted by the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division to individual grant applicants should in no way be construed as a guarantee of successful results for the applicant within the competitive grants process or a commitment of funding. Additionally, the lack of comments by the OHMVR Division to any specific applicant does not ensure successful results for the applicant within the competitive grant process or a commitment of funding.

All final applications will be reviewed by the OHMVR Division. The OHMVR Division may, at its sole discretion, decrease the requested amount and eliminate activities pursuant with regulation Section 4970.07.2 (f)(1-5) and for law enforcement projects, regulation Section 4970.15.3(b)(1-5).

Failure by Applicant to respond to any OHMVR Division comment of their preliminary application shall be cause for eliminating that item from the Applicant's application.

If multiple proposed projects are requesting funding for the same deliverable, and multiple projects are successful, only one project will receive funding for the deliverable.

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for snow and/or winter activities. Applicants must ensure the activities and/or equipment requested are not and/or cannot be funded by the OHMVR Division Winter Program (commonly referred to as the Snow Grooming Program).

For proposed projects requesting grant funding for the maintenance of roads and/or trails, note that only roads and/or trails that allow "green sticker" off-highway vehicles are allowed to receive grant funding. Additionally, Applicants may not charge a use fee for vehicles and/or Equipment purchased with OHV Trust Funds, except for fuel and minor maintenance cost.

Applicants are reminded that no grant funds and/or match can be expended or project activities conducted in any land owned or managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation.

General Evaluation Criteria

- #2 – #5, Applicant must verify response by final submission.
- #7c – Narrative does not support the selection. "Education programs, maps". Applicant must verify that the maps address OHV trespass and respect for private property.
- #11b – Narrative does not support the selection. Applicant must identify the specific, Applicant and/or Land Manager initiated, educational events to support selection.
- #13 – Applicant must verify response by final submission.

Ground Operations	G17-02-20-G01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) have also applied for a Ground Operations Project. TNF application states “TNF may assist SBTS with some of the maintenance work” on listed trails. Applicant must clarify and ensure there is no duplication of services. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff – “EZ OHV Specialist/FPO (Vice SJ)”, “EZ OHV Tech/FPO”, “EZ OHV Facility Maintenance”, Applicant must identify duties being performed and explain how they are not duplicative of one another. Staff – Resource Positions #5, #6, #7, #8, #26, #27, and #32, Applicant must identify duties being performed and explain how they are OHV related and not duplicative of one another. Staff – “TNF Hydrologist” (CP), Compared to “like” Projects, hourly rate appears excessive. Applicant must provide additional details to justify the hourly rate. Staff – “YR-TNF RC (Op+Swamper)”, Applicant must budget the Unit of Measurement by hour vs. per day. Contracts – Line items #1 - #8, Applicant must provide details on each line item to explain how costs were determined. Contracts – “YR-Gates”, Costs appear excessive. Applicant must provide details to explain the cost and clarify contractual services to be provided. Materials/Supplies – Line items #3; #6 - #10; #12 - #14; and #23, Applicant must provide more details/examples on proposed purchases. Materials/Supplies – Line items #15, #16, and #26 Applicant must explain how Tread Lightly materials are Project related. Equipment Use – “AR Tractor Maintenance”, Compared to “like” Projects, maintenance costs appear excessive. Applicant must provide additional details. Equipment Use – “TNF 2012 & 2014 Jeep Repairs” and “TNF 2012 & 2014 Jeep gas and maintenance,” appears duplicative. Applicant must provide additional details. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #7 – Project Cost Estimate does not support the “Paper used for trail maps...” selection. Applicant must clarify if maps will be distributed as part of this Project. 	

Restoration – Restoration EZ	G17-02-20-R01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A- Applicant must clarify if this is a two-phased project. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff- EZ Swamper- Applicant must further define the position and duties. • Staff – Forest Archaeologist, EZ Archaeologist Technician (GS 7), EZ Archaeologist Technician (GS 5)- Applicant must further define the duties for each as they seem duplicative. • Staff – NEPA Writer/Editor- Applicant must define the duties of this position. • Staff –TNF Grants Program Manager- Applicant is only allowed one on the ground supervisor. Applicant must explain how this position differs from EZ OHV Trails Specialist. • Materials and Supplies – EZ Carsonite Posts- Applicant must provide a brief description of how line item is applicable to Project and how cost was determined. • Materials and Supplies – Custom signs- Applicant must provide a brief description of how line item is applicable to Project and how cost was determined. • Materials and Supplies – 4x4x8 wood post- Applicant must provide a brief description of how line item is applicable to Project and how cost was determined. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #2- Narrative does not support the selections. Applicant must provide further information on the type of severity of impacts that will occur with each item selected. • #4- Narrative needs information. Applicant must define acronyms. • #6- Narrative does not support. Applicant must provide further information on how the forest service budget will cover future costs. • #7-Narrative does not support selection of stakeholders. Applicant must define mtc. Applicant must also further explain how stakeholders are stakeholders to this Project. • #8- Narrative does not support Truckee Trail Foundation. Applicant must clarify who is paying for staff and if agreement includes grant funds paying for staff. 	

Education and Safety	G17-02-20-S01
Project Description	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A, B, and C – Applicant must clarify what the message is for the signage that would be installed. • A – Assisting in injured or lost riders are not eligible project activities for an Education grant. Applicant must remove language from the Project Description and adjust Project Cost Estimate accordingly. 	
Project Cost Estimate	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff – “YR OHV Technician”, Applicant must clarify what “Patrols” means for the Applicant. Patrol activities considered a law enforcement activity and is not eligible in an Education and Safety project. • Staff – “OHV Manager”, training is only eligible as an indirect cost. Applicant must move duties in the line item to the Indirect Costs category and adjust Project Cost Estimate accordingly. • Staff – “EZ OHV Technician”, Applicant must clarify what “Patrols” means for the Applicant. Patrol activities considered a law enforcement activity and is not eligible in an Education and Safety project. • Material / Supplies – “Oil Spill Kits”, Applicant must provide additional information for how the total cost for this line item was determined. • Equipment Use Expense – All Equipment Use Expense line items, Applicant must provide additional information on how the quantity of miles were determined. 	
Evaluation Criteria	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • #6 – Narrative does not support the “...meetings with multiple distinct stakeholders...” selection. Applicant must explain how they are stakeholders to the project. 	